

Help the Fair.

The Shiawassee County Fair Association in order to raise money to build new barns and a grand stand, and add to the water distribution, is selling 4 admission tickets for \$1.00, a saving of 40 cents.

R. H. Person Appointed Judge.

Governor Ferris on Friday appointed Judge Rollin B. Person of Lansing to act as supreme court judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge A. V. McAlvey. He will serve until a republican is elected to fill the place in November, 1916.

Sister Also Sues.

Mrs. Martha Brewer has begun suit against her brother D. R. Salisbury and his son Oliver, for \$1,000 damages in connection with the renting of the store recently occupied by the Majestic theatre, claiming the store has been damaged.

Attempts Suicide.

Mrs. James Galloway, despondent and broken-hearted over the death of her son George, who was killed at the Commonwealth power plant several weeks ago, attempted suicide at her home in Shiawassee town, Sunday, by taking strychnine. Her daughter-in-law saw her take the poison and summoned a doctor who was able to save her life.

Former Pastor Will Preach Here.

It is expected that Rev. L. O. Lee of Evanston, Ill., will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church for the services Sunday morning. Rev. Lee was the pastor of the church 36 years ago and has many friends among the members of the church and in the community who will be pleased to meet him. While in the city he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gould.

Stabbed Horse.

An insane person or one who should be examined either for states prison or an asylum stabbed a horse belonging to L. E. Shields, Sunday morning while the horse was standing attached to a milk wagon at the corner of Exchange and Dewey streets. Several automobile tops have also been cut and if the guilty party is caught it is likely he will not be shown much mercy.

Sprayer Exploded.

Robert Coon, residing in Middletown, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon, when a spraying machine which he was operating blew up. Mr. Coon was standing close to the machine at the time of the accident. Both his cheek and jaw bone were fractured as well as his nose. The left eye is also in a serious condition. He was taken to the Swayze hospital and is recovering, although it is feared that his face will be permanently disfigured.

Feindt-Maurer.

Miss Esther Feindt and Mr. Fred Maurer were married Sunday evening at the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. Theo. G. Hahn. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Alma Feindt, and Mr. Edward Nagel acted as best man. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Maurer left for Flushing, where they will reside. Their many friends extend heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

Lennon Vindicated.

Governor Ferris has approved the opinion of Attorney General Grant Fellows vindicating Attorney Peter B. Lennon of Lennon, on the charge that he signed papers as a notary public acknowledging signatures which the complainant, H. A. Collins, had not signed. After investigation the Attorney General's department failed to find evidence that any such act had been committed.

Ordained to Ministry.

Herman Klingbiel of this city, was ordained Sunday morning before a large congregation at Salem's Lutheran church, as a minister, and has left for Ixonia, Wis., to accept the pastorate of a church there. Rev. Theodore Hahn assisted by Rev. George Tufel of Orchard, Neb., conducted the service. Rev. Klingbiel preached Sunday evening to a church full of people, his text being "The Rich Young Ruler."

State Aid Refused County Fair.

The state commission appointed to award to the various fairs in the state a portion of the \$50,000 appropriated by the last legislature in proportion to the amount of premiums paid last year, the money to be used exclusively to pay premiums, cut the Shiawassee county fair off without any money for the reason that it is a personal and not an incorporated affair. It was the only fair in the state which applied for help that was turned down. Possible the difficulty can be overcome before another award is made.

MILLER HELD FOR TRIAL

Bail Fixed at \$5,000 in Case of Alleged Poisoner.

After taking further testimony Friday, and adjourning until Monday, and after the testimony had all been read, Justice Friegel in the municipal court on Tuesday bound Charles H. Miller, charged with attempting to poison his wife, over to the circuit court for trial, fixing bail at \$5,000, which Miller was not prepared at the time to furnish. His attorney, L. F. Miner, asked that the bail be reduced to \$3,000 which Miller could furnish.

COUNTY MASONIC PICNIC

Indications Point to a Pleasant and Profitable Gathering Aug. 12.

Plans for the Shiawassee County Masonic picnic, to be held at McCurdy park, Thursday, August 12, indicate that the event this year will attract more interest and attention this year than last. It is intended as a general day of recreation and enjoyment for Masons, their families and friends, and the entertainment will be sufficiently varied to please all classes. It is expected there will be two baseball games during the day, teams from Perry, Durand, Corunna and Owosso appearing on the diamond. There will be a variety of sports and games, and prizes will be awarded the winners in the several events. Arrangements will also be made for an address to be given by a speaker of note in the state, and these together with the big basket picnic dinner, will make the day one of pleasure and profit to all participating.

Holstein Breeders' Association.

A very successful meeting of the Shiawassee County Holstein Breeders' Association was held Monday for the purpose of electing officers and appointing committees to make arrangements for a general breeders' meeting to effect a Shiawassee county Holstein breeders' association.

B. B. Hardy was appointed chairman, J. Watson Hurst, secretary, A. F. Loomis, J. Keys and J. W. Hurst were appointed a committee of arrangements. Instructive talks were given by several of those present and much enthusiasm was shown by the breeders present in the building up of a county organization that will make the county one of the foremost in the state in the production of Holstein-Friesian cattle, which have positively "proven to be the greatest dairy cattle on earth."

There are approximately 700 head of registered Holstein cattle in this county at present, which shows the rapid progress of the dairy industry in this section of the state.

Death of Hudson Sheldon.

Hudson Sheldon aged 50 years, died Monday, at his home in San Francisco, Calif., after a short illness of toxine inflammation of the bowels. Two telegrams were received Tuesday at Corunna addressed to W. A. Rosenkrantz, one stating that Mr. Sheldon was seriously ill and the other that he died at 6 o'clock Monday evening and that Mrs. Sheldon would start for Corunna with the body immediately. Nothing further has been heard from Mrs. Sheldon.

Hudson Sheldon was born in Shiawassee township, was educated in the Corunna school and the University of Michigan and acted as county school commissioner, superintendent of the Corunna schools and principal of a Detroit high school before going to San Francisco as an instructor in mathematics and chemistry, being regarded as one of the best instructors in California in these lines.

Mr. Sheldon married Frances Evans of Bennington township, who survives him. One sister Mrs. W. R. Scranton of Shiawassee township, also survives.

Primary School Money.

The forty-seventh primary apportionment amounting to \$6,438,075 45, to be distributed among the various school districts within a few days, was given out by counties on Wednesday by Superintendent of Public Instruction Fred L. Keeler. The apportionment, one of the largest in years, will be divided among 830,137 school children, a per capita of \$7.85 and can be used only for the payment of teachers' wages.

Shiawassee county, with more than 8,700 school children, will receive \$69,339.

H. W. Royce of Chicago, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Irma, are guests at the home of his brothers, L. P. Royce of Owosso, and J. D. Royce of Corunna. They made the trip by automobile, going first through Illinois and Indiana to Kentucky, then up through Ohio to Toledo and Detroit and out to Owosso.

Fine Sermon Appreciated.

Rev. Bernard G. Mattson, D. D., of Mansfield, Ohio, preached a very earnest sermon at the Congregational church Sunday morning, his theme being "A Religion Warranted to Wear." The sermon was intensely practical, appealing to the every day life, and was filled with the spirit of devotion and worship. The text was taken from James 1:25: "He that looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth, but a doer that worketh, that man shall be blessed in his doing." In the course of his sermon Dr. Mattson said:

How startlingly modern is the kind of man this text describes! He is the man who is successful, that is evident, and surely the modern emphasis is on success. Can he deliver the goods? This is what the modern world asks.

But this man's success is in having a religion that doesn't play out. Of this religion James gives four essential features in his terse, business-like description. First, it sets a man free; second, it enables him to endure; third, it holds him to the two inseparable tasks of life, the training of life's powers and the use of life's energy. Finally it promises him such a satisfaction in the life he is living that he becomes sure it leads through the gateway to the goal of blessedness.

I raise the question, do we really believe all this about our religion? Does it really work? Suppose we should visit the patent office at Washington for a study of the steps in the progress of human achievement. Among the models we should see there of the working ideas which have wrought marvellous transformation in the conditions of human life we should also see thousands of other equally intricate devices, over which might be written one final judgment, "These would not work."

Will the Christian religion "work"? In the mighty world conflict with its apparent breakdown of modern civilization men are asking this in all seriousness and sometimes in bitterness. I think I have an answer that is worth more to you and me than that once given by a keen thinker who said: "Will Christianity succeed? I don't know since it has never been tried."

Some day, I say, Christ's way is going to be tried as the world policy of a new civilization, but you and I have no business to wait for that. Here then is my answer:

Let our religion cease to be a speculation and a dreamer's theory of a far off Utopian heaven. Let us have done with mere soothing meditations for an idle hour.

The chief thing we can do for the religion of Christ is to put fresh confidence and enthusiasm into the business as its personal representatives.

Let us learn our lesson from those keen witted knights of the grip who sell the world the things men need.

Learn of the traveling man how he succeeds. He has the goods and he has the zeal. His success lies in convincing the merchant that his product is all wool and a yard wide, that it will wash and that it will neither shrink nor fade and that it is just as good on the inside as it is on the outside.

It is fair, I submit, that our religion should meet these tests of genuineness and that we should be expected to give to it the winning enthusiasm of the salesman who gets the orders.

The great human needs of men and women are calling out to this religion of ours, "Can you deliver the goods?" We want a religion that is not shoddy. We want it to be broader and more generous than sectarianism. We want a religion that will wash when stained with the dust of life and the sins of the world. We want a religion that is as good on the inside as it is on the outside. This is the religion that is warranted to wear.

This thing of the Spirit with its four-fold power to set us free, to gird us for endurance, to hold us to the teaching and the task of life and so to lead us to the goal of blessedness is no delicate plant of hot house growth. It is never so strong as when it goes down into the thick of the world's turmoil, all exposed and undefended against the assaults of evil.

To us who are called to live in these searching days comes the noble summons. To it we dare not be neutral. Look you into the perfect law of the Christ who makes men free, and so continue, not as a quitter, not as one who wavers, but as one who, having done all, still holds undefeated his unconquerable soul. Be a learner who holds unforgotten the mighty truth of the undestructible gospel. Be a worker nobly investing life's energy in every common task, being sure it is linked up with the creative and redemptive work of God. Thus the goal of blessedness shall be won.

\$10,000 DAMAGES

Mrs. John Dillon Sues Saloonkeepers For Causing Death of Her Husband.

Attorney J. H. Collins of Corunna, has started suit in the circuit court for \$10,000 damages against Harry Colby and Philip Wendling, proprietors of the saloon at Rattle Run, and their bonding company alleging that liquor sold by the saloonkeepers caused the death of John Dillon of Hazelton township.

Dillon was found lying badly injured in the road near his home in the early morning last March. He was taken to his home where he died two weeks later of his injuries without recovering consciousness. The family demanded an examination believing that Mr. Dillon had met with foul play. Doctors who were called by Coroner W. E. Cornford of Corunna, expressed a belief that Dillon's death was due to injuries sustained in falling out of his buggy. The family was of the firm belief that Dillon had been assaulted and robbed and employed a Burns detective, who uncovered nothing of value in determining the cause of death.

The evidence showed that Dillon had obtained considerable liquor at Rattle Run, the saloon just across the line in Saginaw county the night before he was found.

There is much feeling against the saloon at Rattle Run, especially in New Lothrop. Many of the younger element there, it is said, obtain liquor at Rattle Run. Three arrests were made at New Lothrop last week by the county officials all growing out of the Rattle Run traffic, it is alleged.

IN CAMP AUGUST 12-21.

Company H Will be With 3500 Other Militiamen at Portage Lake

The annual state militia camp will be held at Hanson reservation near Grayling, Aug. 12 to 21, 3500 of the infantry and cavalry to be in tents on the shores of Portage Lake at that time. It will be business from the start every minute being provided for. The first day camp will be established and guard mounted, the second day squad and company drill and battalion parades, the third day inspection of rifles and instruction in firing and a battalion drill and regimental guard mount. Sunday, camp inspection, religious exercises, a parade and review of all the troops, including regulars. Excursions from all parts of the state will make the day interesting.

Monday the company and battalion attacks, drills and lectures and battalion parades. Tuesday the troops will dig trenches and make every variety of trench protection. Wednesday will be field day with games, sports, tests, drills and field firing. Thursday, trench digging and leaving camp by companies with field equipment for a five mile march, bivouac for the night, where each man will do his own cooking. Friday morning the mimic warfare takes place and in the evening lectures. Band concerts each evening, addresses by regular and volunteer army officers, vaudeville performances and other entertainment will be provided.

G. A. R. and W. R. C. Picnic

Corunna, July 22—Henry F. Wallace Post No. 160, G. A. R. and Ladies' Relief Corps, No. 133, of Corunna, held a very enjoyable meeting and picnic dinner at McCurdy park on Wednesday afternoon. Invitations had previously been extended to the Owosso post and Relief corps. Over one hundred were present and twelve tables decorated with cut flowers and laden with all delicacies of the season, were placed under the protecting shade of the stately trees of the park near the casino and all present enjoyed the repast. After the dinner was disposed of Mrs. Ida Gilmore, president of the Corunna Relief Corps, called the meeting to order and the program was opened by singing "America," after which J. J. Peacock, commander of Corunna Post, gave the address of welcome. Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas Towler of Owosso, and Merritt Harding, chaplain of H. F. Wallace Post read a passage of scripture which was followed by remarks by Rev. Towler.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Recitations by Mrs. Thomas Sheardy, Mrs. Eugene Sutton of Corunna, and Mrs. T. Wiley of Owosso, were greatly enjoyed by all.

Short speeches were made by William Morris of Corunna and L. Watson and C. W. Jennings of Owosso.

It was voted to make that gathering a permanent county organization and Edward Jacobs was elected president and J. J. Peacock secretary.

Vocal music was furnished by Orrin Jennings, Miss Irene Duffey and others.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Peacock, Wednesday, August 25.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Charles Coleman, Boarder at Potter Home, Disappears.

As a result of testimony given by neighbors and relatives, there is suspicion of foul play in connection with the death of William Potter who was found dead at his home in this city last month, and because of the failure of Charles Coleman to appear when subpoenaed to testify, and of his disappearance Tuesday, a warrant was issued charging him with murder, and the entire force of the sheriff and police departments have been looking for him without result since that time.

The inquest in the death of William Potter found dead in bed at his home last month, was continued at the city hall Saturday, by Coroner Guy Cole with a jury consisting of C. H. Bristol, C. A. Perry, A. Parks, G. Parks, W. H. Cummins and E. Eisenheimer. Prosecutor S. Q. Pulver represented the people and L. F. Miner appeared for Mrs. Potter.

Testimony of Dr. S. S. C. Phippen was taken at his home where he is ill in bed. He testified that he found indications of strychnine poison and that he had advised sending the contents of the stomach to Lansing for examination.

Dr. Holm, state chemist, testified that the contents of the stomach sent to him contained one-third of a grain of strychnine, one of the tests made being administering to an animal of some of the stomach content, the animal dying from the effects.

Dr. W. E. Ward who sent the contents of the stomach to Lansing for examination, said he believed Potter died from strychnine poisoning.

E. A. Collins, druggist, testified he had sold strychnine to Mr. or Mrs. Potter in May, 10 grains which was to be used for rat poisoning. Mrs. Robert DeVoe testified Mrs. Potter had told her she bought the poison to kill rats.

J. S. Kelly testified he talked with Mr. Potter a half hour after dinner on the Sunday he died, and that he appeared in good health and cheerful. He stated that the family left home one hour after dinner. He knew of but one quarrel of Mr. and Mrs. Potter, that there was comment in the neighborhood about Mrs. Potter and a boarder Charles Coleman, stating that Mrs. Potter slept upstairs as did Mr. Coleman, and Mr. Potter slept down stairs.

Mrs. Jay Stewart testified to Mrs. Potter liking Coleman and her ill will toward her husband, and that he had not been good to her since the birth of their last child. She was sharply questioned by the attorneys and seemed more truthful than the circumstances warranted. Attorney Miner asked her if she and other neighbors were not unnecessarily inclined to gossip.

Mrs. Edna Butler, a former neighbor, testified to affectionate greetings between Mrs. Potter and Coleman, and that Mrs. Potter served meals carefully and promptly for Coleman but neglected Potter.

Mrs. Elida Williams testified that when she was washing dishes at the Potter home Monday, following Potter's death, Mrs. Potter brought her two cups from a cellarway and said they contained something like the undertakers or doctors had used and suggested the cups be broken, but instead the contents were emptied and ashes and water put on them, but later they had disappeared.

Edward Angus father of Mrs. Potter testified he had trouble with Charles Coleman and they had not been friendly for four years, at which time Mrs. Coleman died. He stated that there was some question as to the cause of Mrs. Coleman's death. Mrs. Angus testified to Potter's despondency over losing his property. Mrs. Anna Marvin testified that Mrs. Potter said regarding a statement that some woman seemed friendly to Mr. Potter, "She could have him anytime she wanted him, that she didn't want him."

Mrs. Addie Coleman testified to visiting the Potter's and seeing Mr. Potter whipping his son and Mrs. Potter hitting Potter over the head with a pan.

Mrs. Potter took the stand Tuesday, admitted that she and her husband were not on good terms, that he was at church when their last baby was born, that the mother-in-law had caused trouble, that Coleman had hugged and kissed her, that she had bought the strychnine to kill rats as a neighbor had advised against rough-on-rats. She did not know as there was any of the strychnine left. She failed to understand some questions, contradicted herself and could not remember.

Dr. W. T. Parker testified Mr. Potter had a disease of long standing which Mrs. Potter had contracted from him.

STOP THE WHITE PLAGUE

Tuberculosis Day, August 20, 1915. A Proclamation by the Governor.

The people of the State of Michigan always have been subject to the ravages of tuberculosis, a wholly preventable disease. This disease is the common enemy of mankind, and is rightly called the White Plague. The first manifestations of tuberculosis are frequently overlooked. The patient discovers his danger when it is too late. The Medical fraternity of Michigan have it in their power to render the State an invaluable service. Their functions are to relieve suffering, cure disease and prevent disease, and the greatest of these three is to prevent disease. Michigan physicians are ready to encourage and practice this form of patriotism—the patriotism of saving their fellowmen from this awful scourge. I suggest that on Friday, August twentieth, any person in Michigan desiring a medical examination whereby he may ascertain whether he has any of the symptoms of tuberculosis, may have such examination and advice by asking a physician for it.

Therefore, I, Woodbridge N. Ferris, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby designate Friday, August twentieth, A. D. 1915, as Tuberculosis Day, at which time all physicians engaged in the practice of medicine are requested to render this service without charge.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, this seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth, the seventy-ninth.

WOODBRIDGE N. FERRIS,
By the Governor: Governor.
COLEMAN C. VAUGHAN,
Secretary of State.

Blue Ribbon Races.

Never has the outlook for fast and hard racing at a Blue Ribbon meeting been as bright as it is this year. This annual carnival of speed opens at the Detroit mile track on Monday, July 26, and continues through five afternoons, during which 30 races will be decided, the purse and stake list aggregating \$40,000.

Not content with the classics which have made the Blue Ribbon meetings most famous in the country, the Detroit Driving Club has an additional feature this year, in the shape of the championship free-for-all pacing race, in which the world's champions and another fast one will meet for \$5,000.

Such is the arrangement of the program that features are spread through the meeting, every day having one or more. On Monday the Hotel Griswold stake for 2:10 pacers promises to be notable and the 2:05 trotters will put up a hard race. There are 25 in the slow trot that day.

Tuesday is set apart for the Chamber of Commerce stake for 2:07 pacers and no less than 25 still are eligible, representing the very limit of speed in the class.

The Merchants & Manufacturers' stake is the Wednesday attraction. This is the greatest race of the year and 22 are in it, among them a wonderful lot of trotters, one of which has worked in 2:05 and many which have as much speed. Never has this field been so large and so swift.

The free-for-all pace for \$5,000 is on Thursday and in its field are Directum I, 1:58; Frank Bogash, Jr., 1:59; William, 2:00; Anna Bradford, 2:00; and Flower Direct, 2:01, the greatest field in the history of racing.

On Friday the 2:03 pacers and 2:05 trotters divide honors [with the 2:12 trotters in the Hotel Pontchartrain stake, an event of extraordinary promise. Racing begins at 2 o'clock daily. Robert S. Strader will be presiding judge and Frank B. Walker starter, so the highest standard will be observed in the conduct of the sport.

Death of Mrs. Smith Rogers.

Mrs. Smith Rogers passed away at her home four miles north of Durand at 6 o'clock Friday morning. Mrs. Rogers has been in ill health for the past two years and has been confined to her bed during the past nine weeks.

Mrs. Rogers was born in Oakland county fifty-six years ago. A few years later she came with her parents to Shiawassee county and she resided here the rest of her life. She was married to Mr. Smith Rogers and for the past twenty-eight years they have resided on the farm where she died.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home, Rev. Stevens of the Venice Methodist church officiating, and interment was made in the Vernon cemetery. The deceased was a devout and earnest Christian and a member of the Venice Methodist church.